

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
NEWARK DIVISION**

**IN RE: PROTON PUMP INHIBITOR
PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION
(NO. II)**

MDL No. 2789

This Document Relates To:

**KAREN STONE AS THE SPECIAL
ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE
OF GARY STONE, DECEASED**

Plaintiff

vs.

**ASTRAZENECA LP,
ASTRAZENECA PHARMACEUTICALS
LP,
MERCK & CO. INC. D/B/A MERCK,
SHARP & DOHME CORPORATION,
PFIZER, INC.,
TAKEDA DEVELOPMENT CENTER
AMERICAS, INC. F/K/A TAKEDA
GLOBAL RESEARCH &
DEVELOPMENT CENTER, INC.,
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPANY LIMITED,
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICALS
AMERICA, INC.,
TAKEDA PHARMACEUTICALS USA,
INC.**

Defendants.

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SHORT FORM COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

The Plaintiff(s) named below file(s) this *Short Form Complaint and Jury Demand*

against Defendants named below by and through their undersigned counsel and as permitted by Case Management Order No. 7. Plaintiff(s) incorporate(s) by reference the allegations contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* in *In re: Proton-Pump Inhibitor Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 2789, in the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey pursuant to Case Management Order No. 7.

In addition to those causes of action contained in *Plaintiffs' Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand*, where certain claims require specific pleadings and/or amendments, Plaintiff(s) shall add and include them herein.

IDENTIFICATION OF PARTIES

Identification of Plaintiff(s)

1. Name of individual injured/deceased due to the use of PPI Product(s): _____

_____ GARY STONE _____

2. Consortium Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for loss of consortium:

3. Survival and/or Wrongful Death Claims:

a. Plaintiff, Karen Stone, is filing this case in a representative capacity as the Special Administrator of the Estate of Gary Stone, deceased.

b. Survival Claim(s): The following individual(s) allege damages for survival claims, as permitted under applicable state laws: To be provided
_____.

4. As a result of using PPI Products, Plaintiff/Decedent suffered pain and suffering, emotional distress, mental anguish, and personal and economic injur(ies) that are alleged to have been caused by the use of the PPI Products identified in Paragraph 10, below, but not

limited to the following:

☐ injury to himself/herself

☒ injury to the person represented

☐ wrongful death

☒ survivorship action

☒ economic loss

☒ loss of services

☐ loss of consortium

☐ other: _____

Identification of Defendants

5. Plaintiff(s)/Decedent is/are suing the following Defendant(s) (please check all that apply):

☐ Abbott Laboratories

☒ AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals LP

☒ AstraZeneca LP

☐ GlaxoSmithKline Consumer Healthcare Holdings (US) LLC

☒ Merck & Co. Inc. d/b/a Merck, Sharp & Dohme Corporation

☐ Novartis Consumer Health, Inc.

☒ Pfizer, Inc.

☐ The Procter & Gamble Company

☐ The Procter & Gamble Manufacturing Company

☒ Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

☒ Takeda Pharmaceuticals America, Inc.

☒ Takeda Development Center Americas, Inc. f/k/a Takeda Global Research & Development Center, Inc.

☒ Takeda Pharmaceutical Company Limited

☐ Other(s) Defendant(s) (please identify):

JURISDICTION & VENUE

Jurisdiction:

6. Jurisdiction in this Short Form Complaint is based on:

☒ Diversity of Citizenship

☐ Other (The basis of any additional ground for jurisdiction must be pled in sufficient detail as required by the applicable Federal Rules of Civil Procedure).__

Venue:

7. District Court(s) in which venue was proper where you might have otherwise filed this *Short Form Complaint* absent Case Management Order No. 7 entered by this Court and/or to where remand could be ordered: Eastern District of Wisconsin

CASE SPECIFIC FACTS

8. Plaintiff(s) currently reside(s) in (City, State): New Berlin, WI.

9. To the best of Plaintiff's knowledge, Plaintiff/Decedent used PPI Product(s) during the following time period: Approximately 2003 – 2016.

10. Plaintiff/Decedent used the following PPI Products, for which claims are being asserted:

- ☐ Dexilant
- ☒ Nexium
- ☐ Nexium 24HR
- ☐ Prevacid
- ☐ Prevacid 24HR
- ☐ Prilosec
- ☐ Prilosec OTC
- ☒ Protonix
- ☐ Other (List All): _____

11. The injuries suffered by Plaintiff/Decedent as a result of the use of PPI Products include, among others that will be set forth in Plaintiff's discovery responses and medical records:

- ☐ Acute Interstitial Nephritis (AIN)
- ☐ Acute Kidney Injury (AKI)
- ☒ Chronic Kidney Disease (CKD)
- ☒ End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD)
- ☒ Dialysis
- ☐ Death

Other(s) (please specify):

12. At the time of the Plaintiff's/Decedent's diagnosis of injury, Plaintiff/Decedent resided in (City, State): New Berlin, WI.

CAUSES OF ACTION

13. Plaintiff(s), again, hereby adopt(s) and incorporate(s) by reference the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* as if fully set forth herein.

14. The following claims and allegations asserted in the Master *Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand* are herein more specifically adopted and incorporated by reference by Plaintiff(s) please check all that apply):

- ☒ Count I: Strict Product Liability
- ☒ Count II: Strict Product Liability – Design Defect
- ☒ Count III: Strict Product Liability – Failure to Warn
- ☒ Count IV: Negligence
- ☒ Count V: Negligence *Per Se*
- ☒ Count VI: Breach of Express Warranty
- ☒ Count VII: Breach of Implied Warranty
- ☒ Count VIII: Negligent Misrepresentation
- ☒ Count IX: Fraud and Fraudulent Misrepresentation
- ☒ Count X: Fraudulent Concealment
- ☒ Count XI: Violation of State Consumer Protection Laws of the State(s) of:
Wisconsin.
- ☐ Count XII: Loss of Consortium
- ☐ Count XIII: Wrongful Death
- ☒ Count XIV: Survival Action
- ☐ Furthermore, Plaintiff(s) assert(s) the following additional theories and/or

Causes of Action against Defendant(s) identified in Paragraph five (5) above. If Plaintiff(s) includes additional theories of recovery, to the extent they require specificity in pleadings, the specific facts and allegations supporting these theories must be pled by Plaintiff(s) in a

manner complying with the requirements of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure:

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff(s) pray(s) for relief and judgment against Defendants of compensatory damages, punitive damages, interest, costs of suit and such further relief as the Court deems equitable and just, and as set forth in the *Master Long Form Complaint and Jury Demand*, as appropriate.

JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff(s) hereby demand a trial by jury as to all claims in this action.

Dated: 2/6/2023

Respectfully Submitted,

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